

REMARKS

This is intended to be a submission of a new argument pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination Practice along with an amendment to the claims. No new matter has been added. Furthermore, there are no outstanding issues with any informalities.

This is a complete response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 13, 2005, wherein Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were rejected (all other claims, that being claims 3, 4, 7, and 8, had been previously canceled). More in particular, Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nicholls.

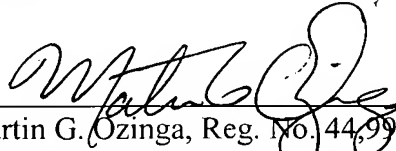
Of note, Applicant's attorney had conversations with the Examiner and Supervisory Patent Examiner, which ultimately culminated on a proposed potentially allowable claim. Applicant would like to take the opportunity to thank the Examiner and Supervisory Patent Examiner for their time and consideration. Applicant greatly appreciates the cooperation given by both toward the resolution.

Applicant has taken the suggested added limitations and language as provided by electronic mail from Supervisory Patent Examiner Jim McClellan on February 9, 2006, which is now amended Claim 1. Applicant has added additional new dependent claims with further limitations off of the independent Claim 1. The prior art does not teach, anticipate, or make obvious the current invention in light of the above amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly seeks such by the Examiner. Applicant's attorney would welcome a call to address any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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